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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Motorcycle Accident Safety Alert 07-02

1. A Soldier riding his motorcycle to work was injured by a car. The motorcyclist had completed a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) course one month prior. He was wearing all his personal protective equipment (PPE). The driver of the car said that she did not see the motorcyclist. The motorcyclist was treated and released from BJACH with minor injuries.
2. What were the mistakes?
 - a. Failure of the driver of the car to continually scan the road for others; and avoid distractions.
 - b. Failure of most motorists to visualize sharing the road with small two wheeled vehicles.
3. Lessons Learned:
 - a. Motorcyclists must exercise extreme caution at intersections and inroads to parking areas and the inadvertent actions of others. Motorcyclists must be continually scanning the area with a four second separation being the minimum standard. Always plan for an escape path.
 - b. The MSF course is a requirement prior to riding a motorcycle on and off the installation for military members and on post for all others.
 - c. Required PPE are: Long pants/shirt, DOT approved helmet, full finger gloves, retro-reflective devices equivalent to the area of a PT belt during the hours of darkness and when the military uniform is worn, goggles/face shield and sturdy over the ankle boots or shoes. Motorcycle riding jackets with spinal protector and body armor are highly encouraged.
4. It is imperative that we are always observant when driving and prepared to take evasive actions if necessary.

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